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1. APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS REF (A) REGARDING ROK
DRAFT JOINT COMMUNIQUE. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OUR REDRAFT
WHICH YOU SHOULD PRESENT TO MOFA.

2. IN PRESENTING OUR DRAFT YOU SHOULD POINT OUT TO MOFA
THAT ON CERTAIN QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY THOSE INVOLVING
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MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY COMMITMENT AS WELL AS TROOP
PRESENCE, WE MUST USE LANGUAGE CONTAINED OUR DRAFT, AS
WE HAVE IN THE PAST.

3. QUOTE: THE ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WAS HELD IN SEOUL, KOREA, ON AUGUST 26 AND 27, 1975, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1971, BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND AS AGREED AT THE ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING IN HONOLULU, HAWAII, ON SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24, 1974.

MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SUH JYONG CHUL, SECRETARY OF DEFENSE JAMES R. SCHLESINGER AND OTHER SENIOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING. DURING HIS VISIT, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER PAID COURTESY CALLS ON HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE AND PRIME MINISTER KIM JONG PIL.

MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER EXAMINED EXTENSIVELY THE OVERALL SITUATION IN THE ASIAN AND PACIFIC REGION FOLLOWING THE END OF ARMED CONFLICT IN INDOCHINA AS WELL AS THE SECURITY SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

NOTING THAT THE SECURITY OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IS ESSENTIAL TO THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE IN NORTHEAST ASIA, THE TWO DELEGATIONS JOINTLY ASSESSED AND EVALUATED THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE MILITARY THREAT FACING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND DISCUSSED CONCRETELY THE CAPABILITIES AND READINESS OF THE COMBINED FORCES TO DEFEND AGAINST THAT THREAT.

IN THIS CONNECTION, MINISTER SUH EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE ARMED PROVOCATIONS PERPETRATED BY THE NORTH KOREANS IN VIOLATION OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF 1953, INCLUDING CONTINUED BUILDUP OF ITS MILITARY CAPABILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION OF UNDERGROUND TUNNELS WITHIN THE DEMILITARIZED ZONE FOR SURPRISE ATTACK AGAINST THE SOUTH. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER TOOK NOTE OF THE EXPLANATION AND AGREED ON THE NECESSITY OF CONTINUING VIGILANCE TO COPE
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WITH THE THREAT POSED BY NORTH KOREA.

MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AGREED THAT IT IS ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN THE DEFENSE CAPABILITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND TO KEEP THE COMBINED FORCES IN KOREA AT A STATE OF READINESS SUFFICIENT TO DETER THE RENEWAL OF HOSTILITIES AND TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE PENINSULA. IN THIS CONNECTION, SECRETARY SCHLESINGER REAFFIRMED THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO PLAN TO REDUCE THE PRESENT LEVEL OF UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

THE TWO DELEGATIONS NOTED THE SIGNIFICANT POLICY

INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO REDUCE TENSIONS AND TO CONSOLIDATE PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA. THEY NOTED PARTICULARLY THE SPECIAL STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE ON JUNE 23, 1973, REGARDING A FOREIGN POLICY FOR PEACE AND UNIFICATION OF KOREA, THE PROPOSAL FOR A NON-AGGRESSION PACT BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH ON JANUARY 18, 1974, AND THE THREE BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA AS ENUNCIATED BY PRESIDENT

PARK IN HIS ADDRESS ON AUGUST 15, 1974.

IN ADDITION THE TWO DELEGATIONS NOTED THE INITIATIVE TAKEN ON JUNE 27 BY SEVERAL UNITED NATIONS MEMBER NATIONS IN INTRODUCING A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE TERMINATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS COMMAND SUBJECT ONLY TO AGREEMENT BY THE OTHER SIDE TO MAINTENANCE OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. THEY EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE OTHER PARTIES CONCERNED WOULD RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO THIS CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL. FURTHER, THE TWO DELEGATIONS URGED THAT THE NORTH KOREANS DEMONSTRATE THEIR READINESS TO RESOLVE THE KOREAN PROBLEM PEACEFULLY BY AGREEING TO NORMALIZATION OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH AS REPEATEDLY PROPOSED BY THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

TAKING NOTE OF THE PUBLIC REAFFIRMATION BY PRESIDENT FORD AND OTHER SENIOR UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ASSURED MINISTER SUH OF THE READI-
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NESS AND DETERMINATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO RENDER PROMPT AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE TO THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY OF 1954 IN THE EVENT OF AN ARMED ATTACK AGAINST THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

MINISTER SUH AND SECRETARY SCHLESINGER CAREFULLY REVIEWED THE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS MADE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ARMED FORCES WHICH WAS AGREED UPON BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND THE UNITED STATES. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ASSURED MINISTER SUH THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD DO ITS UTMOST TO EFFECT THE EARLY AND EXPEDITIOUS COMPLETION OF THE REMAINING PORTION OF THE PROGRAM. MINISTER SUH EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL SUPPORT PROVIDED THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA UNDER THE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM.

MINISTER SUH REVIEWED THE CONTINUING PROGRAM OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA DIRECTED TOWARDS GREATER SELF-RELIANCE IN DEFENSE. FOR HIS PART SECRETARY SCHLESINGER PRAISED THE SELF-HELP EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE REPUBLIC OF

KOREA, AND REITERATED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO HELP THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ATTAIN ITS GOAL OF GREATER SELF-RELIANCE.

MINISTER SUH EXPRESSED HIS PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR THE INTEREST AND SUPPORT BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND AMERICAN INDUSTRIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF KOREAN DEFENSE INDUSTRIES AND DESCRIBED THE EFFORTS BEING MADE BY THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT TO DEVELOP ITS SELF-RELIANT DEFENSE CAPABILITIES. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER ASSURED MINISTER SUH THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE IN THIS FIELD.

BOTH DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT THE NEXT ANNUAL SECURITY CONSULTATIVE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN 1976 AT THE INVITATION OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

SECRETARY SCHLESINGER EXPRESSED SINCERE APPRECIATION
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TO MINISTER SUH FOR THE COURTESY AND HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO HIM AND HIS DELEGATION BY THE AUTHORITIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, AND FOR THE EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING.
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